

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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For: APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING A  
SHEET INTO A READING POSITION

Examiner: Kaitlin S. Joerger

Group Art Unit: 3653

Confirmation No.: 6065

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

M/S RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to the next examination of this application in consequence of the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, please amend this application as follows:

**The listing of claims begins on page 2.**

**The Remarks begin on page 4.**